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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL REQUEST FOR SCHOOL ARCHITECT

1. FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF ITS ENROLLMENT POLICY IN 1971 TO PROVIDE FOR ADMISSION OF "ALL EDUCABLE STUDENTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY" THE ENROLLMENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAS INCREASED SHARPLY. TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN 1971 WAS 1649. BY OCTOBER OF 1974 ENROLLMENT HAD RISEN TO 2193 STUDENTS, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 10 PERSENT ANNUALLY. MORE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF THE 1974-75 SCHOOL YEAR.

2. THE PRESENT CAPACITY OF THE SCHOOL IS 2160 STUDENTS. TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXISTING STUDENT BODY AND THE EXPECTED FUTURE GROWTH, THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MUST ENGAGE IN A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION PROGRAM. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS PROGRAM, THE SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOPING COSTS ESTIMATES AND FINANCING PROPOSALS.

3. A MAJOR CONSTRAINT ON THE EXPANSION CHOICES OPEN TO THE SCHOOL HAS ALREADY BECOME EVIDENT. ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF LAND ADJOINING THE PRESENT CAMPUS OR CON- VENEIENT TO THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVED ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THE PRESENT CAMPUS HAS 12.6 ACRES. IT PROVIDES ABOUT 115,000 SQ.FT. FOR CLASSROOM SPACE, 70,000 SQ.FT. FOR THE OTHER BUILDINGS, 200,000 SQ.FT. FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND 100,000 SQ.

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FT. FOR PARKING AND OTHER PURPOSES. EXPANSION ON THE

ONE STORY BASIS TRADITIONAL AT THE SCHOOL WOULD PRE-EMPT MOST OF THE ALREADY INADEQUATE SPACE FOR ATHLETIC AND PARKING FACILITIES.

4. IN VIEW OF THE EXPENSE AND OTHER DISADVANTAGES OF RELOCATING, THE SCHOOL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ANXIOUS TO DETERMINE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER MORE INTENSIVE USE OF THE PRESENT SITE WOULD PERMIT CREATION OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL'S ANTICIPATED NEEDS OVER NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, EXPERTISE MODERN SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE FOR INTENSIVE UTILIZATION WHICH IS NECESSARY TO INFORM THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE PHILIPPINES. AS A RESULT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAVE REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE OVERSEAS SCHOOLS IN OBTAINING CONSULTANT SERVICES TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON ITS ARCHITECTURAL CHOICES AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTION NEEDS. THE BOARD ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL NEED THE SERVICES OF ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO CONSULTANTS FOR NO MORE THAN ONE WEEK. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT WOULD PREFERABLY BE IN EARLY JANUARY BUT EARLIER SCHEDULING WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

5. IN THE ABSENCE OF EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EXPANSION PROGRAM, THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WILL INEVITABLY BE FORCED TO SOME MEANS OF RESTRICTING ENROLLMENT. ENROLLMENT RESTRICTIONS WILL NECESSARILY HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE TRANSIENT ELEMENTS OF MANILA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THIS MISSION IS APPRECIATIVE OF THE SCHOOL'S REAFFIRMATION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND BELIEVES THAT ALL SUPPORT POSSIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCHOOL'S EFFORTS TO PLAN INTELLIGENTLY TO MEET THE FUTURE SCHOOLING NEEDS OF COMMUNITY. THE AVAILABILITY OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES WILL GIVE THE EXPANSION EFFORT A MAJOR BOOST AND STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SCHOOL'S EFFORTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM.

6. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE A SUITABLE LIST OF SUGGESTED

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CONSULTANTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SCHOOL BOARD. THE MISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONSULTANTS SELECTED. SUCH SUPPORT COULD BE OBTAINED EITHER THROUGH THE RE-PROGRAMMING OF PRESENT GRANTS OR FROM OTHER FUNDS. IF PAUL LUEBKE IS ABLE TO STOP IN MANILA AT THE TIME OF THE EAST ASIA COUNCIL OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS MEETING IN NOVEMBER, DETAILS ABOUT THE EXPANSION PROGRAM AND THE

REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES COULD BE DISCUSSED.
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